



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 23, 2005

### COOL TEMPERATURES SLOW CROP PROGRESS

**Corn** is developing slowly due to cool temperatures and **soybeans** are emerging slowly for the same reason. Cool weather has hurt **cantaloupe** and **watermelon** transplants and in some cases significant replanting had to be done. There were **5.2 days suitable for field work**.

**Small grains** continue to develop and were reported in mostly good condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. **Striped rust on wheat** is being reported. Farmers are spraying fungicide to prevent losses.

**Pasture** was rated 3 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 19 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent very short, 10 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Small Grain Development:</b>				
Barley Headed	94	93	99	96
Wheat Headed	84	39	88	79
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	50	35	60	63
Cucumbers	38	26	28	37
Lima Beans	27	20	23	22
Snap Beans	44	27	51	35
Sorghum	39	5	41	20
Soybeans	22	13	35	22
Sweet Corn	66	59	69	67
Tomatoes	49	37	60	67
Watermelons	53	42	57	52
<b>Fruit Crops Blooming:</b>				
Strawberries	88	81	100	96
<b>Field Corn:</b>				
Planted	85	72	90	84
Emerged	59	38	79	60

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	12	67	21
Topsoil (2004)	7	10	69	15
Five Year Average	6	16	57	12
Subsoil Moisture	1	6	79	14
Subsoil (2004)	2	4	85	9
Five Year Average	3	21	64	12

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 22, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	2.03	16.55	1.32	74	41	59	-6
Easton	2.76	21.97	4.87	76	47	61	-6
Frederick	0.74	14.45	-0.05	76	42	59	-3
Frostburg	1.37	16.73	-1.18	69	36	53	-5
Hagerstown	0.85	11.57	-2.76	76	38	57	-7
Mechanicsville	3.36	17.88	0.80	72	45	58	-7
Patuxent River	2.23	16.08	0.75	76	49	62	-4
Ocean City	3.59	17.99	0.62	79	44	59	-7
Salisbury	4.05	18.71	1.69	78	38	58	-7
Sharpsburg	0.72	13.80	-0.70	76	39	56	-6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.87	17.86	3.97	75	46	61	-7
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	3.34	18.73	2.30	75	43	58	-7
Georgetown	4.25	17.27	0.45	77	45	59	-5
Wilmington	1.67	16.74	1.22	75	41	59	-6

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.